City of Alexandria, Virginia

6-13-06

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

JUNE 6, 2006

TO:

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT:

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE CAMERON STATION COMMUNITY CENTER AND ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH AS NEW POLLING PLACES AND ADJUST THE PRECINCT BOUNDARIES FOR THE N.O.V.A. ARTS CENTER, TUCKER SCHOOL, SOUTH PORT APARTMENTS AND BEATLEY

LIBRARY PRECINCTS

ISSUE: Consideration of an ordinance to establish the Cameron Station Community Center and St. James Methodist Church as new polling places and adjust the precinct boundaries for the N.O.V.A. Arts Center, Tucker School, South Port Apartments and Beatley Library precincts (Attachment 1).

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council approve the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, June 17, and that City Council approve the allocation of \$25,000 from FY 2006 contingent reserves for the procurement of necessary voting equipment upon final passage.

BACKGROUND: The Alexandria Electoral Board, which is comprised of three bipartisan members who are appointed by the Alexandria Circuit Court for staggered three year terms, is responsible for making recommendations to City Council concerning changes in voting precinct boundaries and for establishing new precincts. City Council has the authority to make these changes.

State law requires the addition of a precinct or a change in precinct boundaries whenever the number of voters in any precinct for the Presidential Election exceeds 4,000. During the 2004 Presidential Election there were 3,653 voters at the Tucker School polling place and 3,314 voters at the N.O.V.A. Arts Center polling place. In light of recent growth, staff expects that the turnout in these precincts could exceed 4,000 during the 2008 Presidential Election if action is not taken before that time. This would require City Council to reduce the size of these precincts within six months after the Presidential Election.

DISCUSSION: On April 10, 2006, the Alexandria Electoral Board voted to recommend that City Council add the Cameron Station Community Center, located at 200 Cameron Station Blvd., and the St. James Methodist Church, located at 5000 Echols Avenue, as polling places, and adjust the precinct boundaries for the N.O.V.A. Arts Center, Tucker School, Beatley Library, and South Port Apartments precincts effective with the November 2006 Election (Attachment 2). Although these adjustments are not currently required by law, the Electoral Board believes it would be necessary to make adjustments following the 2008 Presidential Election and recommends immediate action to address the growth that has occurred in the existing precincts and accommodate future growth. This action would reduce delays for voters at each of these polling places. It is particularly important to reduce the size of the Tucker School and N.O.V.A. Arts Center precincts because of the legal mandate and to reduce the size of the South Port precinct because there is a small voting room at this location. It is also beneficial that the new Cameron Station Precinct would be comprised primarily of voters who live in Cameron Station and currently vote at Tucker School. The following charts reflect the specific changes at each of these precincts.

Active Registered Voters as of April 1, 2006						
Precinct	Current Registration	Proposed Registration				
Cameron Station	N/A	2,903				
Tucker School	5,117	3,691				
South Port Apartments	3,889	2,882				
Beatley Library	3,760	3,290				
Combined Total	12,766	12,766				

Precinct	Current Registration	Proposed Registration
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St. James Church	N/A	2,020
N.O.V.A. Arts Center	5,405	3,385
Combined Total	5,405	5,405

This action would not affect the City's School Board boundaries or the State House or Senate boundaries. In addition, the recommended adjustments to precinct lines are based on census boundaries as required by State law.

Staff has secured an authorization from the Cameron Station Board to use the Cameron Station Community Room as a polling place and from the representatives at the St. James Methodist Church to use this facility as a polling place.

If City Council approves this ordinance, the United States Justice Department will also need to approve this request to facilitate the change in these polling places. The City Attorney has prepared a submission for the Justice Department. In addition, after the request has been approved, the Electoral Board will send notifications by first class U.S. mail to all of the registered voters in the affected precincts, and will also provide public notice of the change in the local newspaper.

FISCAL IMPACT: Voting equipment for one of the new polling places can be provided through the reallocation of existing equipment. Voting equipment for the other new precinct will cost approximately \$25,000 and it is recommended that this amount should be provided from FY 2006 contingent reserves. Also it will cost approximately \$5,000 in FY 2007 to send notifications to all of the registered voters in the affected precincts.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1. Ordinance.

Attachment 2. Map Reflecting Recommended Precinct Adjustments

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EXHIBIT NO. 3

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1 ORDINANCE NO. 2 3 AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-2-10 (ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES) by establishing the Cameron Station Community 4 Center and St. James Church Election Districts, and to make conforming amendments to 5 6 "The Official Map of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Designating Election Districts and Voting Places," adopted by Section 2-2-13 (MAP OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND 7 VOTING PLACES), all of Chapter 2 (ELECTIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) 8 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. 9 10 THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS: 11 12 13 Section 1. That Section 2-2-10 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained by adding thereto a new 14 subsection (XX) to read as follows: 15 16 The Cameron Station Community Center Election District shall be bounded and 17 (y) described by the census blocks shown on the map adopted by section 2-2-13 of this code as 18 comprising the said district. 19 20 The voting place within the Cameron Station Community Center Election District shall be at 21 the Cameron Station Community Center, located at 200 Cameron Station Boulevard. 22 23 Section 2. That Section 2-2-10 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 24 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained by adding thereto a new 25 subsection (YY) to read as follows: 26 27 The St. James Church Election District shall be bounded and described by the census 28 (z) blocks shown on the map adopted by section 2-2-13 of this code as comprising the said district. 29 30 31 The voting place within the St. James Church Election District shall be at the St. James Church, located at 5000 Echols Avenue. 32 33 Section 3. That "The Official Map of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Designating 34 Election Districts and Voting Places," adopted by Section 2-2-13 of the Code of the City of 35 Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained as 36 shown on Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated fully by reference, to reflect the 37 establishment of the Cameron Station Community Center and St. James Church Election 38 Districts and voting places, and to amend the previously existing boundaries of the Beatley 39 Library, Tucker School, South Port and NOVA Arts Center Election Districts, from which the 40 new Districts are created. 41 42 Section 4. That the general registrar of voters be, and he hereby is, directed to record 43 the foregoing amendments on the said map. 44 45 Section 5. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time 46

of its final passage; provided, however, that the changes in the Election Districts and voting places herein made shall not be implemented until the changes are first submitted to the Attorney General of the United States and no objection is interposed within 60 days of the submission, as required pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended. WILLIAM D. EUILLE Mayor Attachment 6/13/06 Introduction: First Reading: 6/13/06 Publication: Public Hearing: Second Reading: Final Passage: 34 35 35 37 38 90 40

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Beatley Library, Tucker School, South Port Apts and Cameron Station Boundary Changes

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NoVa Arts Center split with St James Church

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ORDINANCE NO. 4456

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-2-10 (ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES) by establishing the Cameron Station Community Center and St. James Church Election Districts, and to make conforming amendments to "The Official Map of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Designating Election Districts and Voting Places," adopted by Section 2-2-13 (MAP OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES), all of Chapter 2 (ELECTIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 2-2-10 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained by adding thereto a new subsection (XX) to read as follows:

(y) The Cameron Station Community Center Election District shall be bounded and described by the census blocks shown on the map adopted by section 2-2-13 of this code as comprising the said district.

The voting place within the Cameron Station Community Center Election District shall be at the Cameron Station Community Center, located at 200 Cameron Station Boulevard.

- Section 2. That Section 2-2-10 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained by adding thereto a new subsection (YY) to read as follows:
- (z) The St. James Church Election District shall be bounded and described by the census blocks shown on the map adopted by section 2-2-13 of this code as comprising the said district.

The voting place within the St. James Church Election District shall be at the St. James Church, located at 5000 Echols Avenue.

Section 3. That "The Official Map of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Designating Election Districts and Voting Places," adopted by Section 2-2-13 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained as shown on Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated fully by reference, to reflect the establishment of the Cameron Station Community Center and St. James Church Election Districts and voting places, and to amend the previously existing boundaries of the Beatley Library, Tucker School, South Port and NOVA Arts Center Election Districts, from which the new Districts are created.

Section 4. That the general registrar of voters be, and he hereby is, directed to record the foregoing amendments on the said map.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage; provided, however, that the changes in the Election Districts and voting places herein made shall not be implemented until the changes are first submitted to the Attorney General of the United States and no objection is interposed within 60 days of the submission, as required pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE Mayor

Attachment

Final Passage: June 17, 2006

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